

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Allowed Claims 9 through 30 are pending, with Claims 9, 27, 29, and 30 being independent. Claims 1 through 8, the rejections of which are respectfully traversed, have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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